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INDEPENDENT

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School Board to cancel  
May millage election

On Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education set a special meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the school administration building.

The purpose of the meeting was to rescind action that set an election in May to renew the 18 mills non-homestead property tax, which is expiring.

Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright said the school millage was the only question on that ballot, so now the May election is cancelled.

The agenda calls for the board to go into closed-door session at the beginning of the meeting and then vote on the election. Nothing else was on the agenda, but there was room for public comment.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel set up a Tele-Town Hall meeting with three unnamed school board members where people are asked to register on line for the 7 p.m. session by providing their name and phone number. Those registering are to receive a call and be automatically connected to the Town Hall. Log on to [www.vanburenschools.net](http://www.vanburenschools.net) and click on Tele-Town Hall Meeting to register.

In his letter on the home page Supt. Van Tassel said the Tele-Town Hall was set, "To accommodate busy schedules that often make it difficult for some to attend evening meetings..."

Also, a regular school board meeting has been set for 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22, at the BHS cafeteria to replace the Feb. 1 meeting that was cancelled because a quorum was not available to meet.

Supt. drops complaint  
against board member

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Public Schools Supt. Michael Van Tassel filed an assault complaint against school board member Sherry Frazier on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28, after she had a loud meeting with him at the administration building.

Then, a week later, on Feb. 4, Supt. Van Tassel told Belleville Police that he would not pursue the charge.

"He decided he didn't want to push the incident further," said Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman.

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Van Buren Public Schools  
2015 Transparency Report

Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation
<b>Administrators</b>		
Van Tassel, Michael	\$138,537.68	\$197,759.46
Moore, Jeffrey	\$113,277.28	\$175,066.34
Langford, Shonta	\$111,890.27	\$174,672.89
Leroy, John	\$103,037.68	\$162,233.09
Kullis, Diane	\$115,373.77	\$161,110.65
Madyun, Abdul	\$111,948.77	\$157,895.42
Buhro, Stacey	\$97,351.76	\$153,978.33
Williams, James	\$103,416.53	\$151,274.13
Pitt, Aleisa	\$96,239.47	\$149,892.83
Lloyd, Melissa	\$90,219.54	\$144,610.00
Lindsay, Andrew	\$89,921.00	\$144,410.48
Johnston, Karen	\$98,625.21	\$144,147.00
Wilsey, Scott	\$89,858.59	\$143,647.57
Barker, Shareen	\$92,002.75	\$143,154.17
Wright, Howard	\$100,966.15	\$141,662.78
Green, Falisadoll	\$86,865.03	\$138,924.09
Crippen, Delria	\$91,855.75	\$134,759.69
Zajac, Jonathan	\$83,702.13	\$133,795.56
Ross, Rebecca	\$82,088.57	\$130,384.09
Fisher, Rodney	\$88,526.48	\$128,308.54
Abel, Fredrick	\$89,953.92	\$126,441.17
Bliven, Karen	\$56,962.61	\$87,186.34
Villa, Kelleen	\$51,062.78	\$81,489.02
Gee, Amy	\$35,384.26	\$55,829.89
Jones, Stephen	\$25,508.99	\$38,261.19
Carlesso, Robert	\$12,071.89	\$18,216.18
Moffitt, Karen	\$2,902.90	\$3,124.97
English, Kevin	\$630.00	\$678.20
Frazier, Sherry	\$630.00	\$678.20
Owen, Kelly	\$630.00	\$678.20
Toth, Martha	\$630.00	\$678.20
Kovach, Kathleen	\$600.00	\$645.90
Mikulski, Brent	\$600.00	\$645.90
Bennett, Alison	\$480.00	\$516.72
Russell, Scott	\$150.00	\$161.48
<b>Adm.Support/Clerical</b>		
Armstrong, Sandra	\$28,549.60	\$39,817.56
Begley, Nancy	\$14,810.65	\$20,413.13
Branhan, Lakeisa	\$23,370.59	\$39,558.56
Brooks, Shirley	\$31,335.01	\$58,349.22
Brown, Angelina	\$26,203.71	\$37,903.44
Cartwright, Sandra	\$16,563.93	\$30,498.74
Cichowski, Jamie	\$28,157.42	\$57,906.73
Cobb, Linda	\$22,563.04	\$45,743.15
Cornell, Jennifer	\$10,543.74	\$14,491.42
Cartese, Sara	\$23,923.90	\$42,065.74
Crawford, Pamela	\$13,927.68	\$29,625.57
Dorris, Brandice	\$34,020.60	\$52,530.41
Evans, Deborah	\$35,563.38	\$50,585.24
Fletcher, Willinda	\$1,634.18	\$1,759.20
Floro, Jaclyn	\$34,789.30	\$49,297.72
Harris, Tammie	\$30,610.90	\$51,074.79
Hollins, Natreece	\$10,046.05	\$13,862.37
Hutchins, Sandra	\$12,201.00	\$17,062.78
Innes, Kathy	\$35,438.38	\$49,641.80
Johnson, Pamela	\$64,470.49	\$96,122.62
Johnson, Theresa	\$33,079.55	\$47,188.82
Karlinski, Stephanie	\$21,873.13	\$47,812.96
Kennedy, Marcia	\$31,602.00	\$58,533.80

Kiessel, Diane	\$28,107.24	\$57,378.06
Kotcher, Charles	\$17,565.00	\$18,908.72
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$10,379.94	\$14,023.94
Leedy, Deborah	\$29,036.80	\$47,630.42
Loechli, Michelle	\$36,034.93	\$50,826.95
Maciejewski, Deborah	\$804.96	\$866.54
Mahdi, Felicia	\$4,394.99	\$6,123.38
McCoy, Virginia	\$41,364.04	\$72,117.02
McWilliams, Debra	\$46,688.70	\$83,931.56
Melton, Pamela	\$38,965.26	\$68,904.72
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$7,990.21	\$11,144.82
Richards, Norma	\$31,037.61	\$61,879.17
Rupnow, Brian	\$52,926.91	\$72,964.79
Spillman, Kristine	\$10,160.98	\$13,975.37
Stoddart, Nancy	\$18,588.06	\$25,485.25
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$28,019.72	\$53,792.67
Voigt, Mary	\$26,146.01	\$55,178.89
Waller, Karen	\$48,798.71	\$56,890.11
Wester, Ursula	\$2,926.24	\$4,139.64
Wright, Christina	\$25,867.17	\$47,736.92
Young, Sabrina	\$2,327.74	\$3,330.09
<b>Teachers</b>		
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$75,731.76	\$110,985.72
Ambrose, Thomas	\$27,727.99	\$39,013.30
Anguilm, Diana	\$59,128.37	\$81,643.51
Atchley, Jill	\$71,485.07	\$104,974.96
Baker, Laura	\$72,760.16	\$115,317.78
Bancroft, Wendy	\$69,687.97	\$112,644.42
Bare, Jennifer	\$54,794.49	\$92,633.51
Bargardi, David	\$75,993.93	\$121,774.30
Bartold, Lori	\$36,754.04	\$57,118.16
Bateman, Nancy	\$82,342.09	\$114,016.35
Bateman, Michael	\$58,984.63	\$97,775.98
Bates, Jasmine	\$38,242.53	\$54,070.11
Bazzy, Rachael	\$24,708.81	\$37,476.89
Bell, Mary	\$70,377.98	\$110,772.49
Bell, Morgan	\$2,492.42	\$3,359.28
Belloni, Cristen	\$70,314.77	\$114,363.00
Binert, Jill	\$68,881.77	\$112,275.94
Blankenship, Heather	\$60,844.84	\$84,437.40
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$82,500.74	\$114,734.52
Bolton, Heather	\$52,534.69	\$78,932.46
Bos, Tania	\$70,442.41	\$103,892.06
Boulas, Erica	\$10,062.32	\$19,370.16
Bradley, Pamela	\$77,978.32	\$114,096.39
Bragenzer, Bill	\$51,658.61	\$79,794.20
Brashear, Kristina	\$21,977.01	\$45,976.75
Brodie, Joseph	\$68,309.99	\$111,482.45
Brooks, Alison	\$67,519.28	\$110,755.25
Brown, Sarah	\$31,178.43	\$48,885.66
Buhro, George	\$84,765.79	\$117,891.69
Burch, Sandra	\$57,039.75	\$96,180.04
Butka, Jason	\$47,524.85	\$82,658.52
Byrd, Tauna	\$72,384.22	\$100,789.57
Cadeau, Kari	\$75,944.47	\$121,881.47
Cagney, Kristine	\$53,822.21	\$81,176.53
Campbell, Michael	\$67,281.24	\$93,221.16
Chamberlin, Blair	\$19,698.06	\$30,797.66
Chester, Jatona	\$15,928.88	\$23,738.27
Chie, Elizabeth	\$67,284.07	\$110,468.51
Chiv, Kahlia	\$42,110.73	\$68,292.89
Chrisner, Amy	\$68,613.87	\$111,994.87
Cline, William	\$61,490.87	\$98,796.84
Conn, Joselyn	\$51,878.01	\$87,975.43
Cook, Sara	\$55,347.78	\$93,463.41
Cooper, Jason	\$37,433.31	\$58,241.11
Courter, Katherine	\$67,339.03	\$106,375.86
Crawley, Chantay	\$39,930.60	\$72,195.50
Cunningham, Deborah	\$29,068.81	\$55,301.54
Curtis, Yolanda	\$38,524.60	\$53,397.49
Cutting, Catherine	\$34,410.54	\$54,782.92

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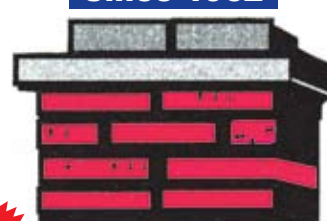
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<b>Teachers (continued)</b>			Jasman, Neva	\$11,237.90	\$21,031.05	Preuss, Lisa	\$75,653.01
Dapsi-Morse, Jennifer	\$84,709.70	\$118,361.86	Jetton, Joshua	\$36,222.65	\$56,606.41	Przydzial, Karen	\$71,304.82
Darket, Mark	\$39,701.71	\$71,732.01	Johnson, Deborah	\$57,964.30	\$86,464.19	Radwood, Karen	\$54,956.89
Davenport, Matthew	\$88,300.04	\$138,544.53	Johnson, Shawn	\$11,387.09	\$16,407.08	Rafail, Melinda	\$59,557.67
Davis, Cynthia	\$58,515.49	\$81,442.20	Jones, Katherine	\$34,433.36	\$55,935.42	Randolph, Jan	\$45,997.96
Debuysscher, Jolynn	\$69,661.01	\$109,815.48	Jordan, Cindy	\$60,567.78	\$83,928.18	Ray, Pamela	\$46,227.04
Dehann, Matthew	\$45,074.81	\$68,381.30	Kapcia, Suzanne	\$75,227.84	\$104,231.26	Reddy, Jayanthi	\$24,867.10
Delfuoco, Tracy	\$82,874.57	\$115,271.22	Karaba, Melanie	\$67,299.55	\$109,758.59	Reeves, Amy	\$54,850.47
Delia, Caterina	\$33,385.70	\$51,767.44	Karaboyas, Nicole	\$16,158.96	\$21,810.73	Reinhard, Mary	\$19,001.63
Dennehv, Bridget	\$21,983.13	\$34,675.60	Kazmierski, Matthew	\$35,024.34	\$50,350.80	Richardson, Alexandra	\$36,173.47
Devore, George III	\$83,165.88	\$127,975.85	Kedroske, Michael	\$39,112.90	\$53,996.90	Rinaldi, Iris	\$75,949.96
Dobek, Julie	\$42,890.76	\$59,237.15	Kehoe, Carrie	\$50,720.21	\$87,432.16	Rivers, Eric	\$46,946.24
Dolan, Cynthia	\$70,127.71	\$113,593.13	Kelly, Tiffany	\$75,566.50	\$121,671.81	Roberts, Jessica	\$2,870.26
Dronsejko, Catherine	\$64,785.19	\$96,202.68	Kelsey, Keith	\$11,086.81	\$17,152.98	Rodriguez, Evaristo	\$51,678.46
Duda-Osborne, Susan	\$71,310.27	\$115,942.84	Kidder, Cori	\$82,916.07	\$122,899.10	Rohloff, Steven	\$76,268.04
Dudick, Jennifer	\$40,964.25	\$64,876.02	King, Megan	\$25,185.88	\$39,491.74	Rook, Renee	\$14,711.01
Dybicki, Kimberly	\$75,659.05	\$105,308.50	Kirk, Gregory II	\$37,763.51	\$61,013.86	Roperti, Christine	\$68,714.09
Elsner, Vickie	\$64,559.62	\$106,094.32	Kiser, Jessica	\$70,363.51	\$113,817.50	Rowell, David	\$32,923.72
Emerson, Joelle	\$69,070.36	\$112,445.03	Knight, Kathy	\$74,442.32	\$108,779.03	Rumfelt, Tracy	\$16,397.33
Epperson, Ann	\$64,399.30	\$105,942.34	Koch, Lawrence	\$81,528.18	\$112,990.56	Runyan, Jennifer	\$50,480.81
Evans, Robin	\$41,892.54	\$74,733.29	Komaromi, Michelle	\$63,781.33	\$88,957.56	Rupnow, Elinor	\$70,120.34
Fairchild, Kim	\$33,613.68	\$48,438.14	Korpics, Charlene	\$85,027.34	\$117,610.85	Rybicki, Tiffany	\$44,374.30
Falk, Virginia	\$78,074.61	\$121,874.55	Krug, Kevin	\$70,427.50	\$114,011.51	Said, Ryan	\$34,292.88
Ferrell, Kimberly	\$16,556.31	\$26,959.17	Krumm, Ernest	\$74,991.07	\$120,888.63	Sanford, Teresa	\$30,004.98
Fidh, Janice	\$76,126.69	\$105,352.89	Kubrak, Kelli	\$14,995.70	\$26,014.82	Schwartz, Michael	\$37,008.84
Fiema, Lisa	\$43,150.26	\$66,028.90	Kuehnel, Teresa	\$73,816.05	\$115,658.43	Schwartz-Olm, Jessica	\$40,335.41
Filary, Laurie	\$75,544.73	\$104,659.83	Kummer, Deborah	\$40,465.31	\$72,807.02	Scroogie, Angela	\$75,306.98
Flisher, Robert	\$69,557.86	\$112,933.46	Kunz, Laurie	\$35,872.13	\$66,450.08	Sefcik, Kristian	\$1,890.00
Fowler, Toby	\$73,672.65	\$116,441.90	Kurash, Antoinette	\$75,383.40	\$104,446.43	Sheridan, Jennifer	\$69,647.06
Franks, Ryan	\$40,153.56	\$55,919.59	Lang, Aaron	\$66,533.30	\$108,947.89	Slingerland, Paula	\$76,320.59
Frederick, Gunesha	\$49,748.46	\$85,811.97	Lang, Sarah	\$19,938.80	\$26,756.93	Small, Betty	\$14,042.14
Frederick, Felecia	\$34,043.37	\$52,389.12	Larabee, Mary	\$13,599.37	\$20,274.48	Smith, Christine	\$76,561.21
Gajda, Rebecca	\$46,195.55	\$77,245.26	Lasenby, Felicia	\$42,838.38	\$77,525.87	Smith, Jean	\$69,629.17
Garland, Jennifer	\$83,307.59	\$115,818.94	Lauer, Lisa	\$67,573.38	\$110,830.25	Smith, Danielle	\$14,558.49
Gearns, Michael	\$56,035.28	\$94,417.65	Leake, Carol	\$65,587.04	\$108,879.62	Spence, Diane	\$78,005.59
Gentile, Paula	\$48,648.18	\$68,450.25	Leaym, Jillian	\$35,555.60	\$62,115.66	Spinks, William	\$48,957.38
Gerst, Debbie	\$51,149.31	\$88,235.89	Ledwell-Morrison, Angelique	\$30,527.73	\$55,850.59	Sprague, Andrea	\$60,767.49
Gillsey, Michele	\$48,968.00	\$78,988.49	Ley, Janet	\$65,797.86	\$108,393.16	Spudich, Patricia	\$32,836.20
Ginestet, Meghann	\$4,245.28	\$6,274.74	Lintner, Laurie	\$16,001.51	\$23,045.80	Stamm, Bonnie	\$71,496.66
Gipson, Alyssa	\$35,981.76	\$56,148.93	Linzell, Melissa	\$54,282.90	\$92,035.15	Stamper, Elizabeth	\$75,287.84
Gleason, Kyle	\$14,622.16	\$21,952.56	Mackie, Peter	\$73,875.37	\$117,763.77	Sterling, Janelle	\$43,520.02
Glime, Kimberly	\$40,439.59	\$72,745.77	Mallon, Yvonne	\$49,853.21	\$85,975.93	Stiles, Sarah	\$48,264.65
Grant, Joanne	\$55,931.00	\$94,474.48	Martell, Tiffany	\$36,039.65	\$55,985.81	Stipe, Karen	\$84,824.65
Gregor, Mark	\$43,188.18	\$68,539.74	Mastie, Vivian	\$69,817.56	\$110,052.86	Strzalkowski, Jason	\$55,366.33
Gurney, Michelle	\$69,363.96	\$101,571.18	Maxwell, Linda	\$59,993.36	\$96,730.48	Sullivan, Holly	\$70,319.15
Hadyniak, Katelyn	\$21,299.05	\$33,753.89	McCraight, Nicole	\$39,873.97	\$56,096.73	Sweets, Jacob	\$51,309.05
Hammond, Colleen	\$64,796.21	\$107,001.63	McFarlin, Dawn	\$15,707.72	\$23,441.07	Tarrow, Erna	\$28,344.59
Hanaka, Tamara	\$23,699.70	\$49,753.61	McKeon, Tracie	\$33,848.72	\$55,813.27	Taylor, Nicholas	\$70,045.48
Harden, Julie	\$75,386.77	\$103,794.37	Meier, Debra	\$69,529.82	\$109,460.92	Taylor, Sarah	\$44,719.02
Harding, John	\$70,024.14	\$113,878.86	Miller, Timothy	\$68,582.51	\$112,311.47	Taylor, Cassidy	\$35,165.15
Harding, Angela	\$60,060.64	\$83,422.19	Miller, Laurie	\$26,278.34	\$39,844.93	Taylor, Robert	\$11,343.15
Harmon, Jessica	\$32,342.96	\$55,065.99	Miloser, Marc	\$75,366.15	\$104,911.71	Tedaldi, Anthony	\$14,398.99
Harris, Chelsee	\$48,583.53	\$67,288.97	Miloser, Kristine	\$65,073.66	\$91,171.43	Tenbroeck, Jane	\$78,069.16
Haydon, Katherine	\$25,620.10	\$44,351.35	Moore, Jon	\$78,434.52	\$114,531.91	Tenbroeck, Peter	\$72,211.99
Head, Scott	\$68,633.91	\$111,822.14	Moore, Jessica	\$46,074.66	\$63,403.38	Tennis, Rebecca	\$79,134.48
Healy, Tracy	\$62,255.19	\$102,857.45	Morning, Amy	\$34,114.90	\$64,405.22	Testorelli, Constance	\$55,536.97
Held, Brent	\$82,655.45	\$114,450.12	Mounsey, Deborah	\$71,552.51	\$105,141.45	Thompson, Fatima	\$14,873.88
Henderson, Victoria	\$17,889.13	\$24,240.00	Munoz, Anthony	\$56,339.18	\$80,590.04	Tibbs, Kathleen	\$68,897.47
Henning, Cynthia	\$62,956.06	\$104,411.63	Musser, Michael	\$82,526.28	\$130,412.15	Tredway, Eyonna	\$37,088.44
Henry, Carmen	\$40,344.65	\$62,030.00	Napthen, Marcus	\$61,341.29	\$92,178.27	Trumpour, Adam	\$46,938.18
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Hill, Shannon	\$68,893.07	\$112,200.60	Neubauer, Cynthia	\$74,649.18	\$115,315.77	Villa, Samuel	\$81,431.71
Hill, John	\$13,999.45	\$21,230.18	Newman, Allyson	\$81,154.73	\$118,341.95	Wagner, Michelle	\$67,172.79
Hinks, Amy	\$11,913.64	\$17,647.71	Niner, Daryl	\$50,278.34	\$77,528.38	Washington-, Lakisha	\$46,633.42
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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Sumpter Police Chief retires, Fire Chief on leave

Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce, Jr. has retired as of Feb. 9. His request to retire was a part of the Supervisor's report at Tuesday's regular Sumpter Township meeting.

Pierce has been chief for almost 13 years and board members praised his work in putting together a professional department and his commitment to being present at any public event in the township.

"The chief was always there," said Supervisor John Morgan.

After accepting his letter of retirement the board appointed Captain Eric Luke as interim chief.

Then the board approved a letter of understanding with MAFF, the fire department union, that lays out the details of Fire Chief Joe Januszyk's 8-month leave of absence to go to school full time for his chief's position. Deputy Chief Rick Brown will be interim chief during the chief's absence, will get the chief's pay, and then will return to the union once the chief comes back.

The resignations of Chris Hamm from the planning commission and fire department also were accepted, with regrets, and Donald LaPorte, Jr. was reinstated in the fire department after a short leave of absence to prepare for his public safety officer's position in Farmington. Lots of shuffling around in Sumpter Township these days.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I tried to contact Van Buren School Board President Brent Mikulski by phone to find out when he was going to set the February school board meeting, since the Feb. 1 meeting was cancelled for a lack of quorum.

Well, he didn't return my phone message, although he has repeatedly encouraged me to call him for information.

I emailed him to ask about the February meeting and he did respond. He said he was currently discussing options with "Superintendent, Administration Staff, and Board Trustees."

When I suggested Feb. 8 as a good day, since no other municipalities had a meeting that day, he said he was not available that day.

In a return email, I responded that he doesn't have to be there, only a quorum of four. Hopefully everybody is feeling better now. I pointed out the board had bills to pay and three employees who wanted their resignations accepted.

He did not respond to that email.

Later, our office got word that a special meeting would be held Wednesday, with just the election on the agenda. Then, a Tele-Town Hall on Thursday, Feb. 11, and then a regular meeting on Feb. 22. Finally, they have set their February meeting. Hope a quorum stays well until then.

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Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said a large funeral procession came up Rawsonville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive to Hillside Cemetery last Thursday. At around Rawsonville and the Service Drive, they put the casket on a horse-drawn wagon and it came the rest of



the way to the cemetery by horse.

Chief Berriman said the horse was beautiful and a lot of phone pictures were taken of him.

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In checking state prisoner Tom White's listing on the Offender Tracking Information System (OTIS), we see that his soonest release date now is 2020. In December it was 2021, and that was down from what it was when he was sentenced.

White is a disbarred attorney who practiced for 20 years in an office on Main Street, across from city hall.

He's obviously been a very good boy in prison and should be out in just a couple of years. That's for 20 felonies played out on the people of Belleville. He's currently at Kinross Correctional Facility.

There are many who think when White gets out he will gather up all the stolen money he has socked away somewhere and be off to a life of luxury. He told police he gambled it all away, but there is no evidence of that anywhere.

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On Fat Tuesday, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's aide brought over a big box of paczki. In the accompanying letter, she pointed out the Dingell family emigrated to the United States from Poland and Paczki Day is a Polish celebration of Fat Tuesday, the last chance to indulge before the fasting days of Lent.

"As a proud Dingell, this is a tradition I

want to keep with my friends on a day that everyone is an honorary member of the Polish community," she wrote.

She said her husband John and his father "both believed our country is at its strongest when we work together and they knew the importance of understanding other cultures and how that understanding pulls us together as a broader community."

She said with the paczki she is encouraging all of us to remember that "we are stronger when we work together ... and when we focus on what unites us instead of what divides us..."

And, that's what our community is trying to do now with the urgent school crisis.

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I was trying to explain to someone that the acclaimed Keystone Charter Academy Principal Keturah Godfrey is a Belleville girl. Her maiden name was Dobbs and she graduated with the BHS Class of 1995. Her mom, Liz Dobbs, is an active member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and a talented artist, especially in pencil drawings. And, Keturah's daughter Lily Godfrey also is an artist and won a first place in a recent Belleville Area Council for the Arts community art show.

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## Letters

### To Supt. Van Tassel: Best solution is to resign

Superintendent Van Tassel,

The majority of the current school board members appear to be incapable of addressing the issues that are obviously a direct result of the implementation of your personal micro-management technique, along with your complete lack of people skills.

And, because teachers have little recourse other than quitting and going to other school districts to teach, perhaps the best solution would be for you to resign immediately and save this community any further embarrassment and our children from having to endure any more unnecessary anxiety.

This question of whether or not several teachers may have influenced the results of a state-mandated testing procedure and the handling of the so-called "investigation" is certainly relevant to the overall problem that has surfaced time and again since you were selected to be superintendent.

It's the measure of a person's ability to solve problems that determines the outcome of every conflict and you appear to have no ability whatsoever; as was observed during the previous January School Board Meeting wherein you refused to participate in any dialog with the angry parents and teachers who demanded detailed explanation of your behavior.

Whether or not your personality is skewered in some way I don't know, but it can't be that over 167 teachers who have retired, resigned, or have been fired on your watch are all to blame! You seem to have the character flaws of a person who is both obnoxious and arrogant while delegating your authority, how else can you explain your tendencies? The point is that you could have dealt better with the problem that you perceived to be "cheating," but instead you had to make a major public display of disciplinary action and ridicule of our teachers.

As is your habit, I suppose you can't direct anyone under your authority to answer my previous correspondence to you, so I won't await a reply to this email either. Perhaps you can understand that most of the current school board will not be re-elected and your tenure is going to be short-lived regardless of the current dilemma you have caused.

I don't suggest that you "fall on your sword," so to speak, but it would be considerably righteous of you to quietly leave your office immediately, with a letter of resignation taped to the door, and never return to this school district.

CeJay Marshall

Van Buren Public School District taxpayer

### Those 5 Savage teachers are the best of the best

To the Editor:

My intentions were to make my feelings and opinions known to our Board of Education last Monday evening; but, however, the "sick out" occurred.

I've had another week to think about my feelings and opinions, and they're still the same, so ...

I began teaching in Van Buren in January 1968. I have taught for 36 years and still volunteer in classrooms. One doesn't have all this people experience to then become a poor judge of character. I am here to publicly testify to the impeccable character qualities of our five accused teachers.

I am so immersed in sadness right now that my former colleagues are being accused of cheating. I've known these young people since the beginning of their careers. In fact, one of the teachers I had in sixth grade at South, who eventually did student teaching with me, and then we team-taught together.

Another I had in fourth grade at Edgemont, who also became a team teacher with me. Two of the other accused teachers taught at Savage, one of which attended Savage as a student when she was a little girl, and the last of the five I've known through her child being in the gifted program.

I've known all five of these young teachers for a very long time. They all have a fine worth ethic; they enjoy kids and they love what they do. They didn't have to cheat to succeed as students and they don't have to cheat to succeed as teachers.

They are moral, positive, kind, honest, hard-working, loving people. This traumatic, humiliating experience will leave an emotional scar on every one of our five teachers; however, I know all of them, as well as their families; they will survive and prevail. They all have a wife or husband; they all have children of their own. They all have a soft place to fall. They all will be OK ... in time.

The question that keeps haunting me is ... why? Why would our five teachers jeopardize their careers and the kids they love ... for a state test?

I was at Savage for 22 years, so I saw our accused teachers start their careers. We seasoned teachers watched out for our new graduates. We gave them tips for classroom management, and they kept us current. All five of these teachers became loved by their students and our staff. Now, however, they will be scarred forever by this horrible situation. I taught with them way too long to ever believe their great character qualities would cheat on anything.

I believe so much in the innocence of these teachers that I'm putting my own reputation on the line. Based on all five of our teachers' past performances, none of them deserve this public humiliation. Teachers aren't perfect, but these teachers are the essence of hard-working, educated, moral and kind human beings that have always strived to do what's best for kids.

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## More Letters

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They don't have to cheat to accomplish this! They are the best of the best.

Something's not right. Again, the question that still keeps nagging at me is: Why ... why would these fine teachers jeopardize a career they've chosen and the kids they love for a state test? It does not make sense to me. Something's not right.

Educationally yours,  
Evelyn M. Larabell

## Outsider view of School Supt. Van Tassel

To the Editor:

Outsider view of Van Tassel:

I did not go to Van Buren schools. However, I work within Van Buren and am friends with staff and students within the district.

I started to be familiar with Van Tassel in 2012. I was astonished on how kids within the district knew their superintendent's name and how they knew at that point they didn't like him.

Over the past four years I have seen Van Tassel take over more and more control. Covering up the assault that happened in the football team this Fall and calling it a "wedgie." He has disregarded emergency respondents request to evacuate McBride after the bomb threat and put those students lives at risk.

He has hidden a gun threat. He controls his

staff by fear. They are scared for their jobs, their livelihood. They are scared that if they stand up that he will target them, like he has targeted many others. He will mark them ineffective, he will make their jobs harder, until they quit or he finds a way to get rid of them.

This is exactly what happened at Savage, a scare tactic. Children were questioned without parental consent or advocates. The results of the findings are being withheld

from the public.

The teachers are so scared of him that they are afraid to even approach the school board in fear of him finding out. They no longer see teaching as a passion but as how many years left they have to put in until retirement.

Fun is not allowed in the classroom anymore. As an Eastern Michigan University student I have many friends going into the teaching field. All

of which refuse to go to Van Buren schools due to the distaste and fear of Van Tassel.

Why does one man have so much power over individuals' lives and livelihood? He is power hungry and we need to regain some of the power back. The issues will not stop until Van Tassel is fired.

Anonymous

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## Obituaries



Edward John Johnson

### EDWARD JOHN JOHNSON

(December 23, 1941 – January 28, 2016)

Edward John Johnson, age 74, of Belleville was born on December 23, 1941 in Crummies, Kentucky, son of Alma (Norris) Rich and Estell Johnson. He retired from Ford Motor Co. Rawsonville Plant and was a member of UAW local 898. He proudly served in the US Army in Vietnam and was honorably discharged. Ed was an avid outdoorsman and fall was his favorite season. He loved the Great Lakes and spent much of his time boating and fishing on them. He also enjoyed riding his Harley, bow & rifle hunting, watching football, ice fishing, playing his special numbers in the lottery, cutting firewood and spending time with his family & friends. If you met Ed, he always left an impression. He liked to joke around and was definitely one of a kind.

He is survived by his children, Terri (Cleve) Griffin, Julie Johnson Willard, Edward G. Johnson, Heather (Robert) Kecskes, Amber Johnson and 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters; Barbara (Jim) Green, Nettie Smith, Lora Riopelle and Jenell Dusseau. He is preceded in death by his mother Alma Rich, his father Estell Johnson, his step-father Norbert Rich and his brothers-in-law Albert Dusseau, Sherman Smith and Thomas Fritz.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A private burial service was held at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville. 734-697-9400.

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Marjorie Guster

### MARJORIE (CARR-SARGENT) GUSTER

(December 30, 1923 – January 28, 2016)

In Joyful Memory of Our Beloved Mother Marjorie, a Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Isom Memorial CME Church, Sumpter. Pastor Reverend Prince A. Williams officiated.

Marjorie was a diligent and exemplary mother. With her husband Cleo Guster (deceased 2003) she provided for her family working primarily in the medical arena. After retirement, she expanded her care-giving to the Sumpter community and her church family. In her memory contributions to the Alzheimer's Foundation would be greatly appreciated.



Carlin "Sue" Barker

### CARLIN 'SUE' BARKER

(May 6, 1938 – February 7, 2016)

Carlin "Sue" Barker, age 77, of Belleville passed away Sunday, February 7, 2016 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born May 6, 1938 in Haysi, VA, the daughter of Henry Taylor and Mollie (Counts) Viers. On May 13, 1961, she married Elbert "Woody" Barker and he survives.

Sue was a longtime member of Belleville Free Will Baptist Church. She loved cooking Sunday dinners for her family, gardening, quilting, the outdoors and fishing.

In addition to her loving husband of almost 55 years, survivors include two children, Pamela (Ronnie) Adams and Brian (Sue) Barker; three grandchildren, Kimberly Coleman, Matthew (Jennifer) Adams and Chelsea Barker; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Paislynn Adams; one sister Kelsie Poe; two brothers, Fred Viers and Luther (Darlene) Viers; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

There was a prayer service 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Walker Harris officiating. Contributions in her memory may be made to the National Marfan Syndrome. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where visitation was 5-9 p.m. Tuesday. The funeral service and burial will be handled by W. L. Pruitt Funeral Home in Hustonville, KY. Please sign her guest book at [www.starkfuneral.com](http://www.starkfuneral.com).

### AARON BLAINE HOLDAMPF

(February 3, 2016 – February 3, 2016)

Aaron Blaine Holdampf, expected son of Glen Alan & Stephanie Lynn (Dunkelberger) Holdampf, passed away February 3, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.

He is survived by his parents Glen & Stephanie Holdampf of Van Buren Township, MI; grandparents Clifford Holdampf of Farmington Hills, MI, Jill & Dave Yob of Belleville, MI and Randy Dunkelberger of Belleville; great-grandparents Carl Holdampf of Novi, MI and Dee & Fred Aebersold of Beverly Hills, MI; aunts Tara (Steve) Holdampf of Atlanta, Georgia and Nicole Dunkelberger of Belleville; uncle Dale Holdampf of Farmington Hills; also numerous cousins and extended family.

A memorial service is being planned and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated. Please sign Aaron's on-line guest book and share some words of encouragement for his parents at this sad time at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

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# Obituaries



Callie Frances Long

## CALLIE FRANCES LONG

(November 14, 1928 – February 1, 2016)

Callie Frances Long, age 87, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, February 1, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born November 14, 1928 in South Tunnel, Tennessee, daughter of Ira Glenn & Fanny Louise (Brazzel) Taylor.

Callie was a long-time Belleville area resident. She attained a four-year degree and was a Registered Nurse at the former Belleville Hospital for many years before retiring. She was a very active member of Ridge Road Church of Christ, Ypsilanti. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.

Mrs. Long is survived by her six children; Marvin (Kay) Long, Jr., David (Debbie) Long, Denise Bone, Michael (Carrie) Long, Cynthia (Paul) Henning and Sandra (Steve) Mueller; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five siblings Katherine Haynes, Kenneth Taylor, Carolyn Goldsmith, Delores Gail Lopez and Joseph Taylor; also survived by many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Marvin Long, Sr. in 2007, two sisters Margaret Johnson and Mable Franklin, also two brothers Harold and Gordon Taylor.

Visitation was 2-8 PM Thursday, February 4, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were Friday, February 5, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Ridge Road Church of Christ, 1770 Ridge Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198. Leonard White officiated. Interment was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ridge Road Church of Christ and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



Michael Joseph Satlowski

## MICHAEL J. SATLOWSKI

(June 23, 1971 – February 2, 2016)

Michael Joseph Satlowski, age 44, of Clinton, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2016. He was born June 23, 1971 in Detroit, MI, son of Paul & Stephanie Lisa (Koller) Satlowski.

Michael grew up in Belleville, MI, and was a member of the Belleville High School Class of 1989. He was a Foreman and Union Employee Assistance Professional for Northwest/Delta Airlines. He was also a handyman who could fix anything and would do anything anyone asked him. He enjoyed remodeling homes and being outdoors. Most of all, he loved his family and being a dad.

Mike is survived by his fiancé Amie Bradley of Clinton; five children, Zack Satlowski of Clinton, Dustin Hatt of Fort Lewis, Washington, Aubry Schoonover of Westland, MI, Madison McWilliams and Noah Satlowski, both of Clinton; his parents Paul and Stephanie Satlowski of Brooklyn, MI; sister Kimberly (Mark) Wagenknecht of Milan, MI; brother John (Sherri) Satlowski of Belleville; nephew Jason Wagenknecht; two nieces, Megan Wagenknecht and Amanda (Tom) Coak; great-niece Avaleigh Coak; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Visitation was Noon until 6 PM Sunday and 11-12 Noon Monday, February 7, 2016, with a Noon Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Robert Miller officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be greatly appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

# More Letters

## Yes, there is atmosphere of fear in school district

To the Editor:

At Monday's board meeting (Jan. 25), the silence was deafening. Many in the audience had comments, but few on the board did. Mrs. Frazier was kind enough to clarify a few things. (Thank you, Mrs. Frazier!)

Is it the board's intention to let people talk and to then go on as usual letting the superintendent harm the professionals and the children of this district that he should be guiding and protecting?

What will become of this district when a large portion of its experienced staff is, for one reason or another, made to leave? This is what is happening.

Yes, there is an atmosphere of fear in the district and it is justified.

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## The person who needs to leave is the school supt.

To the Editor:

I very much hope that the five teachers who were put on leave will be quickly reinstated. There is really no way that they could have cheated, and they had every reason to follow the rules, as I have observed them doing in their day-to-day instruction whenever I have visited Savage School.

These five deserve an apology, as well. They are hard-working, caring, honest, well-trained educators who have been wronged. For some of them to have been escorted out in front of various children and adults was cruel. They need to be brought back immediately. They are missed.

The person who needs to leave is the superintendent and the sooner the better.

I have submitted my name to the editor, but am asking that it be withheld as there has quite often been retribution when someone criticizes this administration.

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building. Only item on the agenda is to rescind the motion to hold an election in March to renew the 18-mill non-homestead property tax.
- Thursday, Feb. 11 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Tele-Town Hall featuring School Supt. Michael Van Tassel and three unnamed school board members who will answer questions

by phone.

- Tuesday, Feb. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. and the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. at the BHS cafeteria to replace Feb. 1 meeting that was cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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# Independent wins award in 2015 Michigan Press Association contest

The report of a car towed by J&T Crova for the Belleville Police and left at the J&T storage lot for more than seven years won a statewide prize for the *Belleville Area Independent*.

The story "Belleville gets \$50,000 judgment against it over car" was published March 12 and earned a second-place award in Government / Education News for the *Belleville-Area Independent*.

in the Michigan Press Association's 2015 Better Newspaper Contest. Winners were announced at the MPA Convention Jan. 28-29 in Grand Rapids.

A judge from the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association wrote: "This is an engaging, fascinating story with lively writing and strong reporting." Writer was editor Rosemary K. Oztman.

The *Independent* enters in the Weekly

Class C category for publications of circulation from 3,001-7,000.

For the second year in a row, more MPA members submitted more entries in the contest. Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association reviewed 3,833 entries submitted by 113 Michigan newspapers in 2015.

In exchange, last fall MPA members reviewed entries in the Pennsylvania

NewsMedia competition.

"As our members evolve in a multi-platform world, they remain the foundation of vibrant communities across the Great Lakes State," said MPA Executive Director Mike MacLaren. "We've seen double-digit increases in this contest and the tougher competition helps our members capture audience attention and build better communities."

## Keystone Academy students learn compassion with water drive

Dear Keystone Academy Parents / Guardians, and the Community:

At Keystone Academy we strive to make moral focus an integral part of our school culture. Not only do we take the time to discuss traits such as compassion, gratitude, and respect, among others, we also look for opportunities in which we can live these traits out.

Our school has the opportunity right now to live out the traits of compassion and gratitude in a tangible way. As many of you have seen in the news, the Flint area is experiencing a water crisis due to contaminated pipes. They are only able to use bottled water.

We have two sister schools in the Flint community – Linden Charter Academy and Burton Glen Charter Academy. Although both schools are located outside of the

affected area, there are 1,266 students, a combined 86% of their enrollment, who live in the contaminated zones and are in need of good water. While this is a hot topic issue right now, the need to find and sustain drinkable water, and a way to bathe as well as wash clothes free from contamination, is a long-term challenge.

To show compassion for those in need and gratitude for the drinking water we have available to us, Keystone is joining National Heritage Academies in a bottled water drive to support these families. We will collect bottled water in cases, or purified water in gallon jugs, at the school. On Friday, Feb. 19, a truck will collect the water and transport it to Flint for use by these families.

Keystone Academy is also partnering with CMAC Transportation who has

graciously offered to volunteer their trucks to help transport the bottled water. In addition to dropping water off at the school, the following community locations are accepting water donations:

- Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville; and
- Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville.

If you are interested in joining the cause, please have your donation to the front office by the morning of Friday, Feb. 19. Please also feel free to let your family and friends

know of the drop-off locations should they wish to participate. All are welcome!

Thank you for taking the time to consider helping others who are in need. It is a privilege to serve a school community that is open to hearing about the needs of others and isn't afraid to act.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at (734) 697-9470.

Sincerely,  
Keturah Godfrey, Principal  
Keystone Academy  
47925 Bemis Rd., Belleville 48111

## VFW starts 'Operation Torn & Tattered'

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 on Bemis Road announces that its Community Service Project for the Year is "Operation Torn & Tattered."

VFW Quartermaster Adjutant Ross Medaus said the post has bought \$1,000 worth of flags, sizes 3'x4' and 4'x6' which they will be giving away free in an exchange for a tattered flag.

He said the VFW will accept the old, damaged flag and will properly retire it by

burning, sometimes with Scouts involved.

People wishing to take advantage of the flag swap are invited to call the VFW Post at (734) 697-0505 and leave a clear message, repeating slowly the name of the caller and the phone number. A VFW member will return the call and make arrangements for the swap.

## Sumpter salaries need some corrections

Sumpter Township Payroll Clerk Maria Beaudrie reports we made some errors in the salary list we published on page 3 last week.

Here are the corrections that need to be made:

Fire: Donald Laporte, \$5,669.77 not \$8,646.69

Senior: Mary Ann Watson, \$66,597.69 not \$68,045.44

Senior: Richard Morgan, \$1,073.19 not \$46,717.73

Senior: Wanda Watkins, \$432.00 not \$66,597.69

Water Dept: John Krushlin, \$100,038.83 not \$108,933.83

We regret the errors.

--Rosemary K. Oztman, editor



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## Stephani Osborne, J.T. Rice engaged

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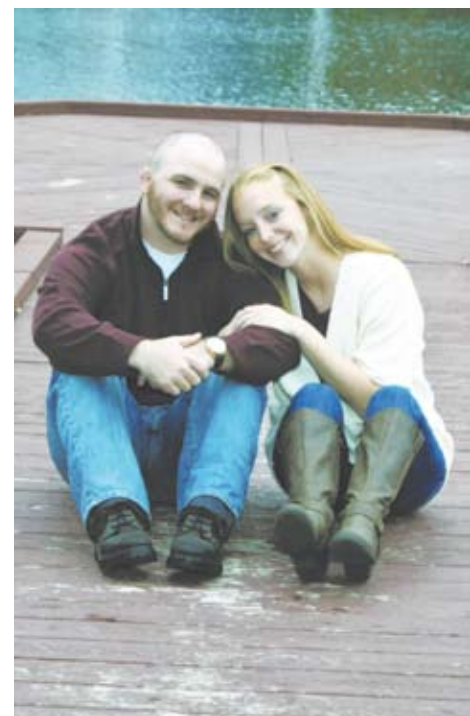
Stephani is the daughter of Jeff and Courtney Osborne of Belleville.

J.T. of Marysville, Ohio is the son of Jerry and Jodi Rice of Hilliard, Ohio.

Stephani is a 2008 graduate of Belleville High School. She is an Eastern Michigan University graduate working in a clinic as

an athletic trainer.

J.T. is an EMU graduate working in business.



## ORPHAN OF THE WEEK "BELLA B"



Give it up for **Bella B** who just when we thought we had her figured out pulled a 360 and transformed into a totally different cat! To our delight, **Bella B** surprised us with a dramatic personality change we never saw coming. After being returned to the shelter, **Bella B** did not settle in well and only seemed to feel rotten. She refused to let us love on her and hid behind a mask of fear with a growl, hiss or swipe ready if you got near. We had just about resigned to the fact that she would be with us for good when changing her environment produced a miracle to our cheer. **Bella B** now resides in the Senior Cat room which is a calmer, low traffic room that makes her feel safe enough to be her true lap-loving, affectionate self. She now enjoys attention and will even climb up on a lap to cuddle and get some gentle pets when people pay her a visit. **Bella B** will probably need some time to adjust to any new home and definitely needs a tranquil environment to maintain her pleasant side but with some patience and understanding we have no doubt this special kitty will make a very rewarding furry friend. She's spayed, vaccinated, tested neg. for FeLuk/FIV and micro-chipped Call **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue** at **734-461-9458** or visit our website **fmar1.org** for more information.

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Information Technology Director Rankin, Assistant DDA Director Lothringer, Public Services Director Taylor, Consultant Sloan, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Cable Director McCracken and an audience of nine (9).

Supervisor Combs requested the agenda be amended to remove new business items #4 and #5.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of January 11, 2016; Board Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016; Prepaid List of January 15, 2016; Prepaid List of January 29, 2016; Voucher List of February 2, 2016] Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. to receive public comment on the use of program year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion Carried. This is the first of two public hearings regarding CDBG funding levels for 2016. Proposed total allocation of funds for 2016 are estimated at \$163,896. The majority of funds, \$119,173, if approved, will be allocated to Public Facilities to make improvements to Van Buren Park. The balance allocated to Youth Services, Senior Services and Planning and Administration. The second public hearing will be held February

16, 2016 during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. No public comment was received. Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Combs read two letters from Rawsonville School principal and Social Worker thanking Clerk Wright for his donation of Coats for School Kids and thanking the Public Safety Department for including the students in the Shop with a Hero program. Clerk Wright thanked all those who provided donations for the Coats for School Kids project. Michigan House Representative Kristy Pagan provided a legislative update on recent legislation and initiatives which include a bill banning coal tar sealant, appropriation of emergency funding for the Flint water crisis, a bill on pipeline safety, recently passed campaign finance bill, elimination of straight ticket voting, introduction of a bill to allow pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds to vote and invited the community to her coffee hour on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in Canton and the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in Van Buren Township at Leo's Coney Island. Trustee Miller read a letter she wrote to DTE energy along with the response she received regarding on-going power outage issues in the community. DTE, in their letter, advised that several projects to improve reliability were underway to address the concerns which include upgrades and tree clearance. Cable Director McCracken, in collaboration with Clerk Wright, showed a Public Service Announcement regarding the March 8, 2016 Primary Election. The PSA will air on cable channel VBT12.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the purchase of BS&A software for animal licensing, human resources, electronic timesheets and electronic purchase orders and to amend the budget to increase capital outlay in the amount of \$46,190 which will be offset utilizing MMRMA reimbursement funds. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-02 to establish Industrial

Development District #17. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-03 authorizing an eight (8) year Industrial Facilities Exemption for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday February 15, 2016 in observance of Presidents Day; Absentee ballot for the March 8, 2016 Primary Election have been mailed to all registered voters who have completed an absentee ballot application; and gave an summary of the health care savings realized though the AMERAPlan program which totaled \$226,669 in 2014 and currently stands at \$192,000. Treasurer Budd announced the deadline for winter tax payments has been extended until February 29, 2016. Trustee Miller announced the Wild game dinner at Trinity Episcopal Church is Saturday March 5, 2016. Doors open at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 ages 6-12. All proceeds to benefit Trinity's J2A youth mission trip.

**NON AGENDA:** Resident commented on a desire for the Board to open discussions with the Belleville Strawberry Festival Committee and community leaders in an effort to encourage a change of venue for the festival from downtown Belleville to Van Buren Park. Board members thanked Robert McKenna, who recently resigned from the Planning Commission, for his many years of service and dedication to the community. Mr. McKenna will continue to serve as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda Combs, Supervisor

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**The 2016 Detroit Aviation & Airline Collectibles Show** wasn't last Saturday as listed in this column last week. My mistake. I'd like to blame it on auto-correct but that wouldn't work. I apologize to the Yankee Air Museum for any inconvenience. The event is coming up for sure on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Yankee Air Museum**. For info, call (734) 483-4030 and visit [www.yankeeamuseum.org](http://www.yankeeamuseum.org).

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**Cocoa Beach Tanning at 573 East Huron River Drive** in Belleville has all new hot lamps and many tanning packages to choose from. Their friendly staff members are experts in the industry and knowledgeable on lotions and moisturizers and will help you reach your tanning goals. Student discounts are also available. Call (734) 699-1905.

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**Open Arms Lutheran Church** will be holding a youth bowling fundraiser on Feb. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Super Bowl in Canton. There will be two games of cosmic bowling, pizza and pop, auction, and a 50-50 raffle. Cost is \$20 per person. For tickets and more information, call (734) 699-5000.

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It's Valentine's Day weekend and there are lots of choices to shop local. I had a long list of suggestions, but my editor took them out because I may have forgotten some of our good advertisers. It's better just to encourage you to shop local first to support our friends and neighbors.

Happy Valentine's Day, Belleville!

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Shout-out to my good friend and Supermom Tess Francis, who always gets to double dip the fun every Valentine's Day weekend. Happy Birthday!

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



### Van Buren Township Public Informational Meetings Lakeshore District Zoning Ordinance



On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Van Buren Township Hall Board Room there will be a Public Hearing on the proposed Lakeshore Ordinance. In order to allow the public every opportunity to ask questions about and comment on the proposed ordinance, Van Buren Township is presenting a series of informational events prior to the formal Public Hearing. Those events are as follows...

#### Lakeshore Ordinance Public Informational Meeting

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Van Buren Township Hall Board Room. At this meeting, Staff will present the Lakeshore Ordinance, providing the history of the Lake, current conditions and the reasons for the proposed ordinance.

#### Lakeshore Ordinance Open House

February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Van Buren Township Hall. Staff will be available to answer one on one, specific questions from lakeshore residents about the proposed Lakeshore Ordinance.

#### Lakeshore Ordinance One on One Informational Meetings

February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Van Buren Township Hall. Staff will be present to answer one on one, specific questions from lakeshore residents about the proposed Lakeshore Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913.

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Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation	Baker, Emily	\$4,290.67	\$4,618.90	Kashmer, Yvette	\$8,723.38	\$11,986.14
Other Professionals (continued)			Baker, Glenn	\$15,066.58	\$21,274.70	Kennedy, Lorraine	\$18,808.07	\$41,242.40
			Baker, Renee	\$79.24	\$113.45	Key, Janet	\$20,277.82	\$46,973.86
			Banks, Elizabeth	\$26,349.04	\$55,113.67	Keys, Franklin	\$15,216.05	\$21,818.55
Chesney, Harvey	\$7,937.94	\$16,066.26	Bellingham, Jared	\$3,974.77	\$4,278.84	Kieselbach, Inez	\$1,587.00	\$2,273.13
Currie, Shana	\$56,983.74	\$84,963.72	Bergeron, Patrice	\$2,567.25	\$3,505.78	King, Dawn	\$15,460.94	\$36,369.37
Diacono, Lori	\$68,019.61	\$108,048.52	Bernardy, Mary	\$22,353.27	\$32,372.33	Kosikowski, Susan	\$8,096.76	\$11,051.32
Fashho, Peter	\$15,416.75	\$23,344.51	Bishop, Teresa	\$18,633.72	\$42,398.45	Kranz, Jordan	\$2,512.26	\$2,704.45
Gibson, Jonathan	\$65,607.26	\$90,962.62	Blanton, Janet	\$3,712.09	\$5,120.99	Krause, Christine	\$15,478.86	\$21,467.20
Halladay, Stefanie	\$53,339.64	\$90,563.35	Bodenham, Lisa	\$8,669.56	\$11,984.27	Krause, Robert	\$32,286.32	\$44,440.44
Hatcher, Rachael	\$63,713.93	\$88,301.01	Bradley, Matthew	\$406.47	\$437.56	Kruschlin, Emily	\$4,116.28	\$4,431.18
Hiller, Lori	\$77,980.19	\$124,698.10	Brooks, Carolyn	\$20,966.46	\$37,084.01	Krzaczkowski, Karen	\$528.99	\$751.66
Johnson, Eric	\$14,595.43	\$25,557.78	Brown, Charles	\$41,648.42	\$76,350.51	Kuclo, Jacquelyn	\$8,737.29	\$12,107.55
Ivory, Mylah	\$47,351.05	\$76,600.13	Brown, Gabriel	\$227.51	\$244.92	LaDouceur, Bette	\$32,770.83	\$64,087.19
Johnson, Jesse	\$44,375.78	\$62,316.91	Burrell, Alexis	\$717.82	\$772.73	Lamar, Vanessa	\$12,012.76	\$16,584.17
Libs, Theresa	\$66,766.99	\$110,473.31	Bury, Laura	\$14,921.01	\$33,147.81	LaMothe, Daniel	\$38,708.77	\$68,353.33
Lopez, Bonnie	\$3,812.31	\$6,626.02	Caldwell, Peggy	\$14,837.62	\$20,610.92	Lampinen, Norman	\$47,347.63	\$84,324.33
Maher, Laura	\$78,156.48	\$127,201.66	Campbell, Cheryl	\$21,657.91	\$37,018.32	Lawson, Cheryl	\$8,399.07	\$11,637.53
Marcum, James	\$44,850.09	\$78,946.06	Cast, John	\$18,756.70	\$26,060.91	Lehmann, Melissa	\$336.19	\$474.82
Matthews, Melanie	\$12,104.85	\$21,133.72	Caudill, Teresa	\$19,844.23	\$28,021.33	Leigh, Tina	\$4,337.28	\$5,821.82
Morton, Christine	\$85,786.30	\$118,643.40	Cleaver, Derris	\$538.71	\$579.92	Lesniak, Sharon	\$17,867.52	\$24,952.92
Neuhart, Jill	\$21,624.83	\$30,703.66	Clift, Amanda	\$11,934.01	\$16,582.86	Lewis, Cynthia	\$18,148.12	\$32,172.63
Radtko, Erin	\$91,524.64	\$127,351.45	Clippert, Sandra	\$7,579.46	\$10,542.68	Lipford, Joann	\$14,970.46	\$37,592.83
Richards, Jonathan	\$42,656.52	\$75,909.51	Coleman, Grady	\$13,267.65	\$18,845.70	Lloyd, Joshua	\$621.72	\$669.28
Roberson, Jerome	\$72,908.47	\$118,613.30	Comparini, Michelle	\$76.60	\$103.12	Lloyd, Mallory	\$1,033.52	\$1,112.59
Ross, Charla	\$36,429.34	\$59,440.18	Cook, Paulette	\$8,689.82	\$11,981.14	Loechli, Nicholas	\$26,350.26	\$37,263.97
Shafer, Richard	\$50,187.66	\$86,714.96	Cromwell, Jackie	\$2,434.50	\$3,474.12	Long, Kurt	\$11,268.21	\$16,893.48
Slusher, Amber	\$53,564.85	\$91,758.40	Crowder, Theresa	\$26,354.01	\$47,481.83	Lowe, Verniece	\$3,466.40	\$3,731.58
Spurlock, Cynthia	\$61,936.37	\$88,846.43	Cyganski, Ann	\$10,041.78	\$10,809.98	Maciejewski, Walter	\$619.36	\$666.74
Swenson, Erin	\$6,885.25	\$12,758.81	Dalton, Brandi	\$5,074.42	\$6,779.93	Malave, Kristina	\$31,027.67	\$49,662.11
Taub-McNabb, Melissa	\$39,418.75	\$55,956.42	Dalton, Jennifer	\$4,226.60	\$5,647.17	Manier, Phyllis	\$8,405.62	\$11,532.70
Vidojevski, Slavica	\$31,768.41	\$45,060.94	Davis, Kisma	\$6,878.63	\$9,713.41	Marsh, Sandra	\$32,768.37	\$60,173.45
Weick, Joseph	\$55,019.79	\$76,732.31	Davis, Moeshe	\$3,660.69	\$3,940.73	Marshall, Phyllis	\$774.30	\$1,102.79
White, Tanya	\$14,704.23	\$24,696.05	Dean, Calista	\$1,895.10	\$2,040.08	Martin, Dana	\$8,540.35	\$12,546.93
Whitesman, David	\$78,365.87	\$114,477.35	Desilets, Noreen	\$18,934.83	\$26,548.23	Martin, Linda	\$4,120.00	\$5,725.41
Paraprofessionals			Diette, Barbara	\$8,760.86	\$12,671.13	Martin, Peggy	\$499.54	\$712.43
			Disney, Connie	\$18,512.80	\$28,457.10	Marttila, Diane	\$10,588.08	\$17,397.64
			Doty, Kelly	\$3,721.65	\$5,153.09	Mason, Marcia	\$1,685.21	\$9,457.81
Armatis, Denise	\$10,653.34	\$14,693.69	Dubisky, Daryl	\$37,425.59	\$52,410.51	McCormick, Trevor	\$63.00	\$84.95
Ashford, Angela	\$14,895.10	\$27,665.03	Dubisky, Teresa	\$3,871.50	\$5,358.16	McLaurin, Concheite	\$2,648.94	\$3,555.60
Babik, Abby	\$12,638.09	\$36,617.09	Dwornik, Kathy	\$19,381.30	\$41,965.99	McQuaid, Kathleen	\$10,333.08	\$14,402.56
Baker, Shirley	\$5,079.25	\$6,974.61	Ehnis, Darlene	\$12,743.36	\$17,058.84	McWilliams, Edward	\$1,361.25	\$1,465.39
Brown, Paula	\$10,794.82	\$14,903.82	Elliott, Brenda	\$1,188.25	\$1,699.80	Means, Karen	\$13,351.91	\$18,934.68
Browning, Sherry	\$9,791.34	\$32,595.43	Ellis, Patrice	\$2,611.99	\$2,811.80	Morin, Vicky	\$11,939.85	\$16,577.01
Bryant, Carl	\$484.14	\$692.60	Ellison, Sheila	\$16,845.99	\$38,539.36	Mull, Kelly	\$1,539.47	\$2,066.39
Bryant, Kimberly	\$2,101.20	\$2,972.39	Etherington, Kathryn	\$7,479.32	\$10,276.60	Nealy, Gloria	\$16,491.71	\$23,270.64
Bumbul, Dawn	\$11,649.53	\$31,303.24	Farr, Sarah	\$7,746.50	\$10,686.09	Nelson, James	\$52,920.07	\$79,990.55
Colwell, Roseanne	\$15,616.24	\$28,634.05	Faulkner, Dewey	\$36,295.05	\$57,003.29	Nicole, Joshua	\$522.74	\$562.73
Coyle, Patricia	\$12,788.98	\$32,858.00	Fisher, Danny	\$33,195.65	\$60,842.03	Nowak, Rona	\$26,257.74	\$36,716.36
Creps, Mildred	\$17,084.33	\$24,167.63	Fletcher, David	\$7,126.45	\$15,512.66	Osak, Megan	\$13,482.71	\$18,697.73
Fisher, Randall	\$23,019.81	\$38,820.94	Fleury, Michael	\$363.74	\$490.46	Osborne, Amy	\$5,527.02	\$7,540.02
Fitzsimmons, Andrea	\$15,315.13	\$28,266.82	Folks, Rebecca	\$3,217.50	\$4,444.92	Osborne, Angela	\$14,949.10	\$20,645.69
Fitzsimmons, Rosemary	\$8,591.80	\$19,515.76	Forester-Market, Paula	\$10,937.75	\$15,090.28	Osborne, Thomas	\$42,879.62	\$60,199.51
Florian, Dorothy	\$841.58	\$905.96	Foscolo, Katherine	\$26,717.24	\$43,940.86	Osborne, Traci	\$291.00	\$390.59
Fogg, Ladonna	\$17,087.39	\$24,302.30	Gibson, Debra	\$8,336.40	\$28,323.45	Pagareski, Rosemary	\$7,533.43	\$10,246.91
Frazier, William	\$12,417.31	\$24,257.95	Gibson, Steven	\$198.00	\$284.34	Palmer, Martilleo	\$3,893.88	\$4,191.76
Harris, Patricia	\$15,531.21	\$28,538.12	Goodman, Joseph	\$30,523.94	\$60,804.42	Parker, Amanda	\$2,950.92	\$3,176.67
Hedman, Penny	\$1,682.80	\$5,712.28	Gorecki, Yvette	\$13,243.47	\$18,355.57	Parks, Nancy	\$4,509.62	\$6,267.73
Hudelston, Martha	\$9,662.74	\$31,974.62	Grant, Dorothy	\$9,859.81	\$13,788.66	Patterson, Freddie	\$19,510.23	\$27,515.53
Korody, Jill	\$9,803.63	\$32,613.02	Gravel, Nancy	\$21,996.35	\$31,234.78	Peatry, Reanna	\$3,324.44	\$4,685.26
Ledford, Angela	\$1,763.42	\$5,783.29	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$18,984.69	\$34,013.21	Peatry, Sharmika	\$8,455.46	\$11,897.97
Loria, Jack	\$11,048.70	\$15,220.80	Gray, Ryan	\$40,819.26	\$57,371.46	Perault, Cheri	\$163.97	\$722.05
Maclean, Carol	\$17,303.74	\$24,594.84	Green, Justin	\$1,497.31	\$1,611.85	Phillips, Tina	\$11,534.12	\$16,005.41
McInchak, Patricia	\$16,556.82	\$24,466.91	Grzych, Lorrie	\$19,687.08	\$27,613.40	Pittman, Sara	\$1,112.40	\$1,499.28
Melidosian, Susan	\$15,603.96	\$21,885.36	Gubaci, Melissa	\$2,797.46	\$3,870.72	Porter, Beverly	\$15,935.55	\$40,962.30
Mercer, Tracy	\$9,870.13	\$30,165.03	Hagerman, Sharon	\$37,011.16	\$57,992.98	Ramage, Laura	\$15,665.42	\$22,137.35
Missant, Linda	\$10,276.01	\$33,247.56	Hanes, Gail	\$9,434.25	\$13,064.52	Ramsey, Diane	\$21,723.55	\$45,076.92
Myers, Lisa A	\$14,677.10	\$21,129.63	Harden, Nynier	\$13,713.58	\$19,104.57	Reavis, Patricia	\$1,350.00	\$1,453.28
Parks, Henry	\$12,047.95	\$35,703.68	Hardrick, Sherry	\$37,647.77	\$58,827.92	Reinhard, Dianna	\$14,085.63	\$19,485.05
Riley, Jeanne	\$10,263.66	\$14,278.78	Hatter, Katrenia	\$10,714.54	\$27,893.32	Renton, Dale	\$35,041.90	\$63,120.72
Rushlow, Deborah	\$11,812.58	\$32,907.96	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$2,934.25	\$3,938.57	Richardson, Zelda	\$8,346.77	\$12,789.83
Schofield, Janice	\$15,627.97	\$23,182.73	Hayes, Holly	\$7,224.94	\$10,131.12	Riggs, Constance	\$11,135.00	\$11,986.83
Scott, Shirley	\$4,264.40	\$5,903.86	Hecksel, Lori	\$13,890.23	\$19,679.38	Roberson, Charles	\$1,172.37	\$1,262.06
Slone, Yvonne	\$17,087.55	\$24,693.21	Heiss, Mary	\$1,890.00	\$2,034.59	Roberson, Kalila	\$382.71	\$411.99
Smith, Jammie	\$13,235.84	\$18,281.36	Hiser, Susan	\$3,272.00	\$3,522.30	Romeo-Cast, Belsy	\$5,655.09	\$6,087.71
Stamper, Dawn	\$11,394.99	\$35,024.24	Hobson, Marquis	\$19,715.64	\$27,343.04	Sattler, Kimberly	\$35,822.66	\$64,125.12
Timoszyk, Cathy	\$11,834.38	\$34,737.81	Hobson, Sherry	\$18,115.74	\$25,705.61	Schilling-Fleury, Ruth	\$181.61	\$243.77
Todd, Marie	\$12,792.29	\$32,862.19	Holliday, Shane	\$39,830.77	\$73,909.20	Schulz, David	\$40,051.56	\$63,252.67
Tyner, Katerina	\$6,507.16	\$8,907.95	Holmes, Colleen	\$16,521.84	\$39,605.79	Scroi, Barbara	\$18,913.30	\$26,321.59
Walczak, Susan	\$16,851.61	\$24,054.27	Holmes, Dedra	\$6,506.35	\$9,121.87	Shanks, Phillip	\$35,126.07	\$63,433.18
Whitehouse, Teresa	\$10,583.67	\$33,667.50	Holtan, Theresa	\$9,011.28	\$12,557.38	Sherman, Amy	\$10,080.03	\$14,053.55
Wolf, Heather	\$8,076.99	\$15,526.36	Hoxha, Kastroit	\$2,057.28	\$4,412.50	Shevrovich, Garry	\$1,064.25	\$1,435.03
Woodby, Pamela	\$14,768.46	\$21,111.45	Hunter, Dawn	\$12,054.13	\$23,545.94	Shipley, Takyra	\$1,500.61	\$1,615.41
Xu, Qin	\$12,073.85	\$16,618.32	Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$41,207.19	\$63,810.28	Signorelli, Michael	\$53,133.68	\$88,205.05
Yates, Kathy	\$17,087.39	\$24,171.98	Jackson, Brandon	\$1,464.94	\$1,577.01	Sinclair, Deborah	\$13,919.75	\$19,207.50
Cafeteria, Transportation			Jackson, Patricia	\$8,259.82	\$11,202.18	Smith, Debora	\$12,169.95	\$30,962.22
			Januszyk, Joseph	\$47,648.60	\$62,597.88	Smith, Kristin	\$2,724.74	\$3,662.86
			Jenkins, Rebecca	\$15,315.89	\$21,113.15	Smith, Mario	\$8,543.05	\$11,978.77
Students, Subs			Johnson, Andre	\$14,977.22				

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Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation
<b>Cafeteria, Transportation Students, Subs (continued)</b>		
Smith, Melinda	\$44,539.69	\$76,443.27
Smith, Paul	\$2,850.00	\$3,068.03
Smith, Stephanie M.	\$1,970.30	\$2,763.77
Smither, Lee Jr.	\$33,319.90	\$52,879.41
Soderberg, Diana	\$2,621.16	\$2,821.68
South, Laena	\$1,069.05	\$4,257.45
Spaleny, Debra	\$15,551.18	\$21,537.06
Spangler, Lori	\$1,925.00	\$2,072.26
Spears, Gabrielle	\$290.22	\$312.42
Spivey, Diane	\$3,517.82	\$6,353.28
Stillwagon, Jeffrey	\$25,956.61	\$54,708.22
Straight, Kathy	\$9,411.90	\$32,297.55
Stubbe, Henry	\$2,757.54	\$3,825.89
Talaga, Ashley	\$3,991.25	\$5,498.24
Talaga, Mary	\$3,996.37	\$5,529.69
Templeton, Heather	\$1,837.20	\$2,466.04
Testorelli, Joel	\$555.41	\$597.90
Thomas, Dawayne	\$793.68	\$1,060.45
Thomas, Dejah	\$3,513.86	\$3,782.67
Thomas, Michelle	\$16,771.16	\$41,868.77
Thornsbury, Kelly	\$17,061.85	\$23,632.22
Tighe, David	\$19,734.11	\$40,091.34
Tomlin, Ricky	\$38,706.88	\$60,344.03
Tremper, David	\$34,560.43	\$54,599.47
Turnbull, April	\$1,627.40	\$2,174.38
Underwood, Christine	\$1,390.50	\$1,874.15
Vealey, Daniel	\$18,642.35	\$44,812.92
Waldroop, Holly	\$17,849.96	\$43,207.50
Walters, Michelle	\$10,460.84	\$15,010.71
Washington, Katherine	\$10,658.37	\$15,071.01
Washington, Tabatha	\$3,827.18	\$5,323.52
Wauford, Patricia	\$16,179.28	\$22,310.37
Wegienka, Sheila	\$39,704.78	\$73,623.31
Weick, Denise	\$20,118.10	\$29,391.43
West, Stephani	\$5,477.38	\$7,726.30
Wheeler, Toni	\$258.72	\$3,548.87
White, Joyce	\$18,258.19	\$26,256.49
Wilkewitz, Kirk	\$2,377.00	\$3,205.08
Wilson, Renae	\$1,123.98	\$1,576.79
Wilson, Vernor	\$5,099.97	\$7,203.71
Wise, Donna	\$18,310.87	\$25,398.20
Witcher, Anthony	\$5,069.40	\$6,833.27
Wolf, Julie	\$353.76	\$500.33
Wood, Sandra	\$2,315.14	\$3,267.25
Wright, Donna	\$5,265.00	\$5,667.77
Yomans, Jennifer	\$7,042.69	\$9,967.66
Young, Earl	\$45,797.82	\$78,111.94
Zalewski, Kathryn	\$10,804.50	\$15,014.88
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$6,674.33	\$9,240.46
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$37,039,016.09</b>

Total compensation may include FICA, retirement and/or insurance. There are 690 employees at a total cost to the district of \$37,039,016.89.

**Thank you! All the hard work to compile and present the information from Van Buren Public Schools was done by Diane Madigan.**

## Clarification: Vern Morse did his job with the FOIA for salaries

The Van Buren Township Clerk's office disagreed with our thanks to Diane Madigan for doing all the hard work on the salaries for VBT published Jan. 28.

Administrative Assistant Nicole Sumpter sent us an email asking for a correction, saying, "All the hard work to compile and present the information from Van Buren Township was done by the Clerk's Office."

Vern Morse of the Clerk's office did prepare the salary list and added up the benefits to give us totals, which was a big help since usually the township gives us a sheaf of papers of all sizes with tiny type on some to sift through and add up to come up with the true benefit costs.

For the past few years, Diane has been wrestling with those documents that total more than 100 pages.

This year for a change, Vern gave us the final figures, but it was in a pdf. format because, we are told, the township didn't want us to change any of the numbers. All of the other municipalities, the school districts, and the library gave us their figures in spread sheet format which is easily copied and pasted to rearrange for our lists.

Since VBT presented us with a pdf., that meant all the names had to be typed in and Diane did that, so we could separate police from DPW and fire from senior department, etc.

All this is to say, Diane did a lot of hard work and

we appreciate it and we thank her yet again. Vern did do his Clerk's department assignment, for which he is paid, in

replying to a Freedom of Information Act request, which is required by law.

--Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

### Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm, showing present: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk C. Hoffman, Treasurer Bates, Trustees Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 16 residents.

**3. Agenda:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve agenda with the addition of a Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public comments on agenda items only

#### 5. Minutes:

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve minutes of Regular Board Meeting for December 8, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to accept Planning Commission Minutes of November 12, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Warrants:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve warrants totaling \$1,994,665.05. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay:None. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Water & Sewer Report-Bates:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**8. Police Report- Pierce:** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve Police Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. Building/Ordinance Report- J. Morgan: NO REPORT

**10. Fire Report- Januszyk:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve Fire Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Treasurer's Report- Bates:** Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 12. Supervisor's Report- J. Morgan:

**A.** Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to set a Public Hearing for February 9, 2016 to discuss the allocation of the Rehab Program. Motion carried unanimously

**B.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the Supervisor's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Attorney's Report-Young:** Motion by Swinson, supported by Hoffman to approve Attorney's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14. Board Response

#### 15. New Business:

**A.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to approve the resignation of Virginia Belinski from the Zoning Board of Appeals and to appoint her to the

Planning Commission. Term to expire January 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by Swinson to approve the Renewal Contract between Sumpter Township and the Michigan Humane Society-Animal Sheltering Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Motion by C. Hoffman, supported by LaPorte to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission the Revised Text Amendments relating to Automobile, Farm Equipment and Recreational Vehicle Sales. Motion carried unanimously.

**D.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission the Revised Zoning Text Amendments relating to Detached Accessory Buildings (Residential). Motion carried unanimously.

**E.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission to Rezone 21620 Sumpter Road from C1 (Local Commercial) to MR (Two-Family & Multiple Family Residential). Motion carried unanimously.

#### 16. Announcements

#### 17. Open Floor

#### 18. Closed Session: Updates on Fire Department Union Contract and AFSCME Contract Negotiations:

**A.** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to go into Closed Session at 7:20 pm to discuss Union matters. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, C. Hoffman, Bates, Oddy, Swinson, LaPorte, P. Morgan. Nay:None. Motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Motion by Oddy, supported by P. Morgan to go back into Open Session at 8:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

**19. Adjournment:** Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

#### Certification

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on January 12, 2016 at 6:37 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

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A new date for the premier of Season 2 for the "Forged in Fire" series has been released as Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 p.m. on the History Channel.

The episode that will feature local blacksmith Chad Osborne will be Tuesday, March 29. He is charged with making a historical weapon, the shotel.

According to Wikipedia, A shotel is a curved sword originating in Abyssinia (ancient Ethiopia).

The shotel is shaped similar to a big sickle and can be effectively used to reach around an opponent's shield and stab them in vital areas, such as the kidneys or lungs. The blade is about 40 inches long. It closely resembles the Afar Gile. The Gile has two cutting edges, while the shotel's upper edge is unsharpened and sometimes used braced against the swordsman's shield for strength.

An email to the Osbornes concerning the date changes said, "This often happens in the television world and although the decision is made by the network, not to worry — as networks often do this in order to pick the very best date for the premiere."

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• **Friday, Feb. 12** – The community has a week before the truckload of water sets off from Keystone Academy to Flint to be used by charter school students who live in that beleaguered city. The truck leaves Friday, Feb. 19. Until then, drop water off at the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County Community College District on Haggerty Road, or Keystone Academy, 47925 Bemis Road, Sumpter Township. Information: (734) 697-9470

• **Saturday, Feb. 13** – Pre-Valentine InnDoor Sale at Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Seeking vendors, crafts, and those who want to clean out

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• **Saturday, Feb. 13** – Valentine's Dinner and Dance at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Belleville. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. is Flaming Roast Beef, Pork Loin, red-skinned potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, butter and dessert. Complimentary wine. Cost \$15 per person. Entertainment by Whitey.

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1999	Pontiac	2D	1G2WP12K8XF241861	15-25320
2004	Chevrolet	4D	1G1ZS52F84F242613	15-25138
2000	Ford	4D	1FAFP66L8YK103814	15-30340B
1998	Chevrolet	4D	2G1WL52M1W9224903	15-29964
1996	Saturn	4D	1G8ZH5285TZ373707	15-30128
1994	Ford	4D	1FALP52UXRG249468	15-30310
2004	Saturn	2D	1G8AN12F94Z104382	15-30413
2000	Mercury	SW	4M2XV11T3YDJ18041	15-27564
1999	Buick	4D	2G4WS52M2X1619601	15-29187
1999	Mercury	2D	1ZWFT61L8X5627788	

At 11:00 a.m. the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1998	Ford	4D	1FAFP13P9WW199291	15-30334
1999	Ford	4D	1FAFP53U5XA210217	15-30192
1990	Buick	CCU	3G4AH54N2LS631583	15-28200
2004	Ford	SW	1FMYU03144KB41140	15-28016
2006	Lincoln	SW	5LMFU28506LJ15465	15-28016
2003	Saturn	4D	1G8AL52F43Z131128	15-29414B
2002	Volkswagen	2D	3VWDD21C72M419681	15-29414D
1998	Mazda	4D	1YVGF22D3W5744075	15-25742
2006	Saturn	4D	1G8AJ55F76Z148589	15-25947
2000	Jeep	SW	1J4GW48S1YC405461	15-26269
1998	Dodge	2D	1B3ES42Y6WD637178	15-25102F
2007	Suzuki	4D	KL5JD56Z87K561076	15-25102A
2000	Dodge	SW	1B4HS28Z1YF141158	15-25393
2005	Suzuki	FZS	KL5JD56Z85K212853	15-25102C
1996	Ford	4D	1FALP52U5TG287746	15-25227
1999	Ford	SW	1FMZU34XZB76864	15-25129B
2012	VNGI	TL	5V8VC5323CM203207	15-26244

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC  
Van Buren Township Clerk  
Published: February 11, 2016

# Drops charges

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Frazier said she and Van Tassel had raised their voices in a discussion about the Savage Elementary teachers that were put on paid administrative leave and other issues.

Trustee Frazier said Belleville Police Cpl. Todd Schrecengost told her he got a call from the administration building that said an irate parent was at the board office. When he got there, Cpl. Schrencengost said Van Tassel told him Frazier was going to attack him.

She said she and Van Tassel were talking and, “Mr. Van Tassel was hollering just as much as I was.”

Frazier said it all started when she emailed Van Tassel asking if they could have a meeting so she could clarify some things. She received a response from Van Tassel’s secretary Pam Johnson, saying 4 p.m. on Thursday would be good.

Frazier said she contacted board president Brent Mikulski to invite him to come along, but he was busy with his work. She called Trustee Kathy Kovach and she agreed to come to the meeting.

Frazier said she started off questioning Van Tassel about “why this tragedy” is occurring, with a cheating story about Van Buren Schools in the Michigan Association of School Boards publication as well as all over the Detroit media.

She said she told him, “It all lies at your feet because you started the investigation.”

She said she told him when there was accused cheating at Haggerty a few years ago, the school district got the same letter from the state, but nobody in the public knew about it because he didn’t publicize it.

“Why was nothing said about Haggerty?” she asked.

She said Van Tassel told her that was because Haggerty was going to be closed.

Frazier said a crying mother of a third grader called her and said her student cried because her teacher cried when she was removed. The child asked his mom if he was a cheater because his teacher is a cheater.

Frazier said she asked Van Tassel why he didn’t talk about Haggerty and put it out in public but walked teachers out in front of their students at Savage.

She reports, Van Tassel replied, “I had to. Legal counsel advised me to. You want me to go against legal advice?”

Frazier said she’d like to see some common sense used.

She said that contrary to what Van Tassel said, board members did not get information on what he was going to do to the Savage teachers before he marched them out and put them on leave.

Frazier said he called her a liar and slammed his fist down on the table and said, “Miss Frazier. I don’t have to take this abuse from you.”

She said he turned and was walking out of the conference room, away to his office and she touched his shirt to get his attention at

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 541 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

### Sunday, Jan. 31:

- 0021 – PPO violation, Outer Dr.
- 0201 – mental, Westlake
- 0223 – breaking & entering, Van Buren St.
- 0845 – shots fired, Rawsonville DNR
- 0851 – narcotics crime, Ecorse Rd.
- 1115 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
- 1231 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
- 1334 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
- 1418 – fraud, Westlake Cir.
- 1508 – fight, Tyler Rd.
- 1511 – shots fired, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
- 1551 – larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
- 1552 – disorderly conduct, Quirk Rd.
- 1812 – mental, Village Green Ln.
- 1844 – vehicle repossession, Senate
- 1920 – mental, Arthur St.
- 1931 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
- 1937 – mental, Daisy
- 1950 – agency assist, I-94/rest area
- 2013 – suicide or attempt, N. Ponderosa Trl.
- 2133 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
- 2326 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
- 2357 – robbery alarm, Belleville Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 1:

- 0637 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
- 0751 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
- 0938 – malicious destruction of property, Ayres Ave.
- 1057 – ordinance violation, Florence Ln.
- 1214 – breaking & entering of motor vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
- 1435 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
- 1535 – mental, Nautica Dr.
- 1859 – sexual assault, St. Antoine
- 2050 – man down, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2159 – assault & battery, Coolidge St.
- 2318 – traffic hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Monterey

### Tuesday, Feb. 2:

- 0031 – larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.
- 0034 – agency assist, Karr
- 0100 – private property accident, Denton Rd.
- 0643 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
- 0814 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
- 0946 – assault & battery, Van Born
- 1050 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
- 1204 – mental, Alba Ct.
- 1221 – assault & battery, Coolidge St.
- 1456 – property damage accident, Maple Dr.
- 1945 – larceny, Wildbrook Dr.
- 2059 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 2206 – intimidation threat, Westlake

### Wednesday, Feb. 3:

- 0154 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.
- 0241 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr.
- 1029 – private property accident, Lake Villa Dr.
- 1106 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Oak Ln.
- 1253 – code enforcement, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- 1323 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
- 1335 – private property accident, Western St.
- 1510 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1609 – weapons violation, Village Green Apts.
- 1740 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
- 2025 – water leak found, Beckley Rd./Denton Rd.
- 2238 – breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
- 2342 – vehicle repossession, Lighthouse Dr.

### Thursday, Feb. 4:

- 0047 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / Tyler Rd.
- 0136 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 0443 – prowler in area, Reedgrass Ln.
- 0743 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
- 1129 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
- 1438 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
- 1551 – suicide or attempt, Arthur St.
- 1626 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove

- 1708 – harassment call, Chloe Ct.
- 1833 – larceny, Oak Ln.
- 1909 – juvenile complaint, Fairbanks St.
- 1945 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

### Friday, Feb. 5:

- 0855 – hold-up alarm, Belleville Rd.
- 1015 – disturbance, Van Born
- 1239 – hospice, S I-94 Service Dr.
- 1554 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
- 1554 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 1706 – fraud, Belleville
- 1815 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- 2042 – disorderly conduct, Sumpter Rd.
- 2318 – assault & battery, Doree Ave.

### Saturday, Feb. 6:

- 0046 – disorderly conduct, Hot Spot
  - 0140 – assault & battery, The Creek
  - 0242 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
  - 0835 – property damage accident, Van Born / Morton Taylor Rd.
  - 0844 – traffic hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty
  - 1013 – missing person, E. Huron River Dr.
  - 1208 – assault & battery, Lauren Ct.
  - 1626 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
  - 1949 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
  - 2010 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Denton Rd.
  - 2050 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
- Also on this week’s log are 237 traffic stops, 67 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Jan. 31:

- 0558 – civil matter, Columbia
- 0611 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
- 1408 – narcotics crime, N. Liberty St.
- 2023 – vehicle lockout, Belleville
- 2050 – suspicious vehicle, Clarence St.

### Monday, Feb. 1:

- 1121 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Main St.
- 1226 – assist fire dept., South St.
- 1249 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
- 1414 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
- 1642 – property damage accident, Belleville Library
- 1839 – assist fire dept., Clarence St./Robbe St.
- 1952 – trespassing, Main St.
- 2010 – suspicious situation, Clarence St.
- 2200 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
- 2238 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
- 2310 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.

### Tuesday, Feb. 2:

- 0618 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
- 0920 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter/Main
- 1914 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

### Wednesday, Feb. 3:

- 0848 – intrusion alarm, Owen
- 1110 – intrusion alarm, Owen
- 1128 – disorderly conduct, McBride
- 1200 – holdup alarm, Owen
- 1424 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
- 1529 – background investigation, Second St.
- 1846 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
- 1905 – property damage accident, Frosty Boy / Main

### Thursday, Feb. 4:

- 0206 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
- 0901 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
- 0922 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
- 1228 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1238 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1357 – parking complaint, Potter Dr.
- 1355 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.

### Friday, Feb. 5:

- 0957 – vehicle lockout, South St.
- 1019 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1053 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.
- 1634 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
- 1715 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
- 1724 – traffic complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
- 1842 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.

### Saturday, Feb. 6:

- 0211 – assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.
- 1033 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
- 1256 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- 1319 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
- 1409 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
- 1750 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
- 1842 – civil matter, South St.

- 2223 – domestic assault, Carmell St.
- Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Jan. 31:

- 0646 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
- 0836 – alarm, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0853 – breaking & entering, 20000 bl. Sherwood
- 0955 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1057 – larceny, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1354 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1450 – reckless driver, Sumpter/Willis
- 1742 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2019 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.
- 2049 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 1:

- 1139 – shots fired, Rawsonville/Willow
- 1518 – found property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1633 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1717 – well-being check, Montana

### Tuesday, Feb. 2:

- 0012 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 0441 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.
- 0711 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- 0921 – fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1421 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 1523 – traffic hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1628 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
- 2143 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
- 2157 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Lohr

### Wednesday, Feb. 3:

- 0805 – citizen assist, Judd/Martinsville
- 1107 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1320 – down wires, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1656 – breaking & entering, 20000 bl. Sherwood
- 1739 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1923 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

### Thursday, Feb. 4:

- 0830 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1224 – suspicious incident, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1245 – fraud complaint, Texas
- 1541 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
- 1739 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1802 – truancy investigation, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 1846 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

### Friday, Feb. 5:

- 0312 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 0838 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1515 – breaking & entering, Delaware
- 1720 – fraud complaint, Hampshire Dr.
- 1928 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
- 1934 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Saturday, Feb. 6:

- 0029 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Karr
- 0743 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 0836 – suspicious incident, Nevada
- 0917 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1224 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1310 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
- 1608 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1628 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1740 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.






- 2155 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 2220 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 2231 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

- 2233 – well-being check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
  - 2247 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville
- Also on this week’s log are 14 follow-up investigations, 33 miscellaneous details, 230 patrol checks, and 47 traffic stops.


## Birthdays

- Feb. 9 – Dolly Mitchell
- Feb. 11 – Carol Ciotta, Greg Bodziak
- Feb. 15 – Joyce Hagerman
- Feb. 13 – Tessa Francis
- Feb. 15 – Joyce Hagerman
- Feb. 16 – Chris Whitt
- Feb. 17 – Jay Mitchell
- Feb. 19 – Anna Cinnamon
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## Drops charges

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the doorway to his office. She said Trustee Kovach placed herself between them and walked Van Tassel to his desk. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore, Shonte Langford-Green, Pam Johnson, and James Williams were in the area outside his office and all filled out statements following Van Tassel's complaint to police.

Frazier said Van Tassel had told her he has a source that said Frazier had been at Savage School questioning teachers.



"Whoever your source is, I have not stepped inside Savage School this year," Frazier said she replied.

Frazier said she told Van Tassel she did not appreciate him calling her a liar.

"Show me the email," Frazier said she insisted and Van Tassel did not reply.

At that point, Frazier said, Green told Moore to get his phone out.

Frazier said Pam Johnson said it was appalling that school board members would go on social media. Frazier said she replied she plays games on social media and told Johnson that Johnson asked Frazier to be her Friend on Facebook and Johnson denied that.

Frazier said she left the building of her own volition and got in her car. She said there was no one in the parking lot or following her. She took a quick trip to West Grand Boulevard in Detroit and was on I-94 coming back from Detroit when she saw she had a call from the administration building. When she answered it, it was Cpl. Schrencengost telling her she had a complaint filed against her for assault.

Frazier said she told the officer that Van Tassel and her both lost their cool and the frustration level was pretty high, but they were just talking loudly.

She said when someone calls her a liar that really upsets her.

Frazier said she was asked to write a statement for the police and on Friday afternoon, the next day, she was working on it. She said the *Detroit Free Press* had just called her and she had talked to them.

Frazier said a longtime Belleville real estate broker called her and asked what Van Tassel is trying to do.

The broker said real estate companies are trying to get people into the community, but clients are asking questions about the terrible news about the school.

One asked, "What is your superintendent doing? Throwing the district under the bus?"

Frazier, who is a real estate salesperson, said she has a professional couple that is looking at a home in Van Buren Township and they heard news about cheating at Van Buren Public Schools and then went on the school website where they saw the second letter.

The couple is leery about moving into such a school district.

"This is not good for business, not good for kids," said the broker.

"I guess I should say I'm lucky I got an audience with him," Frazier said. She said board vice president Martha Toth "is always in his office" and Frazier has only been allowed in his office once.

"I'm always sent to the conference room," Frazier said.

Frazier said she asked Van Tassel about while there were 12 teachers who gave the test at Savage, how did he determine to take five off the job?

"Was it because they were friends with the former principal?" she asked.

In looking back, she said she remembers Moore saying one of those teachers removed, was "an exceptional teacher."

Another teacher removed, was on the BHS cheerleading team with Green, who removed her from Savage that day. Frazier asked how Green could remove her friend?

She noted that the five teachers her granddaughter has had so far in her school years have had to resign.

"I've been concerned, but maybe I'm daydreaming," Frazier said.

A parent reported to the *Independent* that on Jan. 26, the day after the last school board meeting, Pam Johnson called the police after the parent insisted on talking with Van Tassel. A father who also tried to see Van Tassel that day said he couldn't see him and Johnson wouldn't make an appointment for him to see Van Tassel about the Savage scandal.



Van Tassel

A report by Channel 2 News on the Feb. 4 6 o'clock news, started out with Anchor Hewell Perkins saying they had another "shocking" report out of Van Buren Public Schools. A reporter interviewed Frazier and tried to talk to Van Tassel.

Moore came to the door of the administration building and told the news crew that Van Tassel was in a very long meeting, but said he would come back to tell them when Van Tassel could meet with them. The reporter said he never came back.

A camera focused through the window of the administration building meeting room, where people were gathered, and then somebody quickly closed the slats that covered the window. They never interviewed Van Tassel on the subject.

In Frazier's television interview, she told about how she just put her hand on his shirt to get his attention when he turned from her to stalk out of the conference room into his office.

She touched him and, she said, that's when he screamed, "Do not touch me!" She left and found out later he complained to police that she grabbed his arm and poked him. Not true, she said.

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